



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held June 13, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“Amigos de los Rios, a California nonprofit organization, in conjunction with various cities and community, water and environmental stakeholders, proposed the Emerald Necklace, a 17-mile interconnected network of nonmotorized multi-use trails which includes equestrian, hiking, and bike paths, parks, and greenways along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. The Emerald Necklace will unify more than 1,500 acres of parks, open spaces, and habitat corridors while reconnecting the historically linked Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. The Emerald Necklace will significantly enhance recreational opportunities for the surrounding communities, and will integrate educational elements to promote watershed stewardship. The design of watershed education programs that create this awareness is of fundamental importance in teaching citizens good pollution prevention practices in their environment.

“The Emerald Necklace will encircle nearly a half-million residents in the Cities of Arcadia, Baldwin Park, Duarte, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, South El Monte, Temple City, Whittier, and County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Avocado Heights and Bassett. The Emerald Necklace will offer invaluable benefits to the communities along its route as well as to visitors throughout the region.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board adopted the attached resolution encouraging the concept of developing the Emerald Necklace, a proposal for a 17-mile interconnected network of nonmotorized multi-use trails which includes equestrian and hiking trails and bike paths, parks and greenways along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers, with the County Flood Control District and the Departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation working in conjunction with Amigos de los Rios, the various cities along the Emerald Necklace, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy and engaged stakeholders to implement the Emerald Necklace vision.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

- Each Supervisor
- Chief Administrative Officer
- County Counsel
- Director of Public Works
- Director of Parks and Recreation